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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to a letter for patent filed on November 21st, 2001 in which claims 1-29 are presented for examination. Claims 1-29 are pending in the letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Coley et al (US PG Pub No 2002/0161718 A1).

3. As per claim 1, 6, 12 and 22, Coley et al teach a method for licensing time-based software comprising the loading time-based software onto a client machine, wherein the time-based software submits user information to an authentication server through a network/internet, determining if the user is approved, wherein if the user is approved, further comprising the step of: the authentication server activating the time-based software for an amount of time approved (*see abstract, paragraphs 0017, 0021, 0047, 0049, 0051, 0057*).

4. As per claim 2, Coley et al teach a method wherein if the user is not approved, further comprising the step of sending a rejection message back to the software (*see paragraphs 0050*).
5. As per claim 3, 13 and 23, Coley et al teach a method wherein the step of determining if the user is approved further comprises the steps of: matching the user information with a user account stored in the authentication server; and checking the user account for a time credit amount, wherein the user is approved if the user information matches the user account and the time credit amount is greater than zero (*see paragraphs 0049, 0050*).
6. As per claim 4, 14, Coley et al teach a method wherein the user information comprises a user name, a password, and an amount of time requested (*see paragraphs 0047*).
7. As per claim 5, 15 and 24, Coley et al teach a method wherein if the user uses the time-based software for less than the amount of time approved, further comprising the step of crediting any remaining amount of time back to the authentication server (*see paragraphs 0049, 0050*).
8. As per claim 7, 18 and 25, Coley et al teach a method wherein the step of the time-based software submitting user information to the authentication server further comprises submitting order information to the authentication server, the order information comprising a software product ID and a client machine IP address (*see paragraphs 0041, 0087, 0088*).

9. As per claim 8, 19 and 26, Coley et al teach a method wherein the time-based software displays a log-in access box for requesting the user information, the log-in access box including a balance checking feature for allowing the user to check a total amount of time remaining in a user account (*see paragraphs 0047, 0050, 0051, 0097*).

10. As per claim 9, 17 and 27, Coley et al teach a method wherein if the user is approved, further comprising the step of updating a time credit amount in the authentication server (*see paragraphs 0049, 0050*).

11. As per claim 10, 20 and 28, teach a method wherein if the time credit is greater than or equal to the amount of time requested, the amount of time approved comprises the amount of time requested (*see paragraphs 0049, 0050*).

12. As per claim 11, 21 and 29, Coley et al teach a method wherein if the time credit is less than the amount of time requested, the amount of time approved comprises the time credit (*see paragraphs 0049, 0050*).

Conclusion

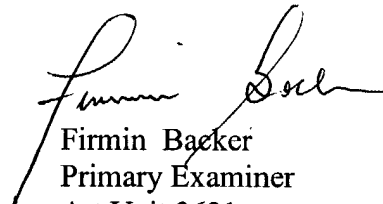
13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on (703) 305-9768. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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